Axecutive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church of Castlewood can be traced back to the early days of the town when the Reverend W. H. McCluskey was called upon to be the community's first pastor; and,

WHEREAS, The Reverend's first sermon in Castlewood, conducted on November 5, 1882, was delivered in the waiting room of the town's train depot; and,

WHEREAS, Later that month, ten citizens took action towards organizing a Presbyterian Church—by March of the following year, the church had been granted a charter from the Territorial Government of the Dakotas; and,

WHEREAS, The first communion was held and the first baby baptized on March 25, 1883, in Castlewood; and,

WHEREAS, The first church of Castlewood, a wooden structure built on the sight of the present building was dedicated September 14, 1884, and was built free of debt at a cost of \$1500; and,

WHEREAS, Although the town has changed drastically since those early days, and the church itself has undergone many changes, the goal of the First Presbyterian Church of Castlewood remains the same: to share the word of God's love with the people of the community; and,

WHEREAS, This fall, the First Presbyterian Church of Castlewood is proudly recelebrating One Hundred Years of caring and commitment to this fine community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 24, 1982, as

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CASTLEHOOD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join the church in cordially inviting all members, former members and friends to share in this Important celebration.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set by hand and caused to be affixed the Creat Seal of the State of South eakets, in Pictre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

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